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Dear Harold:

I got your 10/9/98 letter today. And was disappointed to learn that Gallen was unwilling to accept it for publication. After I am done with "Badly Reasoned," my nickname for your last manuscript, I would like to work with you to address Gallen's concerns of it being "personally vindictive." I think the manuscript has merit and could be published if the Gallen comments could be addressed. If you would permit me to work with Gallen, I would like to get it published for you. Of course, you would have to review the "editing" project before I submitted anything to him to ensure its technical accuracy. I will await your reply before initiating any work on the manuscript. It would be helpful if you alerted Gallen, of my efforts should you wish to pursue this possibility (publication of your manuscript). Then I would be able to communicate with him directly to better understand his concerns.

With regard to the ARRB manuscript project, I look forward to typing that one as well. I am up to Chapter eight in the retyping of "Badly Reasoned" and expect to be able to bring nearly the whole manuscript with me to Frederick , MD when I am in the area on or about 25 October 1998. I would like to come by and scan a few more documents from your files that Sunday and Monday before going to my appointment on Tuesday.

I have been in communication with Wrone and McKnight on a regular basis over the Internet. I have recently bought a CD-ROM making piece of equipment which will allow me to put your manuscripts and books on a CD-ROM to preserve them for scholars. Eventually I hope to be able to capture all your works on a CD-ROM or two to make them available to you for sale to other scholars (the cost of each CD-ROM is about $2.50 per disk to buy the raw material to make a CD-ROM). Having them on CD-ROM will be more stable that computer diskettes and since the computer program to read the disks will be on the disk with it the person with a diskette won't have to have any special computer software to read it. It will be all on the same CD-ROM disk.

I have started to read *Waketh the Watchman* this weekend and am impressed, yet again, with your master of the subject. The manuscript still contains a myriad of typos and misused words and a few mis-

attributions (Lewis Carroll should be cited instead of Robert Lewis Stevenson). If Neichter sends any diskettes I shall send you a printed copy with suggested typo changes.

How is MacDonald coming along with *Inside the Assassination Industry*? I look forward to acquiring a copy of it to put on the CD-ROM as well. I think that Hood College will be quite pleased to have all your works on CD-ROM(s) for their collection.

With regard to a juvenile book on the Assassination, it was just a thought in the absence of your having any existing project in mind. Who is the gentleman in New Zealand? Does he have an Internet address? Do you have ready access to an address?

With regard to Congress, I am hoping for a significant voter backlash to put the Republican's back in their place. This Congress seems to be underwhelmed by intelligence and overwhelmed by sanctimony and hypocrisy. What we need is a good political enema in Washington to unblock a few heads so that the country's business can be done: campaign finance reform, healthcare industry reform/regulation(?), the addressing of the root causes for poverty, active implementation of anti-trust legislation to break up the media monopolies, and leading the world in economic system reforms to enable real economic freedom around the world.

How are you an Lil' doing? I hope well despite life's uncertainties. My wife and I hope to come visit you two in December (if her conference is still going to be held in December). She looks forward to meeting you two and the McKnights.

I finished McKnight's book *(The Last Crusade)* last week. I like his style of writing. I will discuss it when I am in town later this month. My last communication with Wrone, via the Internet, suggests that he has eight chapters completed on his Zapruder film book and nine more to go. With all these authors writing It is peaking my interest in writing again. My focus would likely be the period of time between the JFK assassination and the formation of the Warren Commission. I have all but abandoned my earlier thesis as being too large in scope (How Government Investigates A Political Crime: The JFK Assassination). The scans of the Executive Session documents has intrigued me as has portions

of your *NEVER AGAIN!* When I arrive later this month, I shall be exploring materials along that line along with getting copies from your Commission files.

I believe that I last told you I was Puerto Rico bound for a Red Cross disaster relief effort. That came to an end for two reasons: I got sick and was delayed from going for ten days while I recuperated and then on return, another of the (all to usual) reorganizations at work occurred and my new upper level supervisor balked at sending me at this time. His name is Bob Stallman and that is precisely is demeanor when it comes to making decisions: a man who stalls making decisions until the need to make a decision is overcome by events.

I will close here to get this in the mail. I am at work this evening while my computer is in the shop being upgraded with my new CD-ROM re-write-able drive installation. I am currently going through withdrawal symptoms without my computer since Sunday. I hope to get it back tomorrow so that I can continue retyping your manuscripts.

Best wishes to the both of you,

Clay O.